

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Mailing address: **3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803**

We meet on: **2nd Wednesday** of the Month at **7:00 P.M.**

Location: **Richmond ELKS Lodge #1251**

3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

The ESMAC is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors

Chair: Xina Ash **Vice Chair:** Tom Lang **Secretary:** Tom Owens

Members at-large: Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner

Alternates: Dr. Melinda McLain, Joe Sarapochillo

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AGENDA for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 3-13-2019

Treasurer's Report – James Lyons, District Coordinator, Office of Supervisor John Gioia

Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Sean Wilkenfeld
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.4 Presentation by Kathy Woofert, Fire Prevention Technician, CCCFPD, to discuss grant opportunities with the Diablo Fire Safe Council
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report
Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

Public Comment – for items not on the agenda
Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Discussions Items – The Council will consider and act on the following:

DI.1 – Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development and Notices of Public Hearings. (*no applications received this month*)

DI.2 – Presentation from County Librarian Melinda Cervantes on El Sobrante Library Remodel and Discussion of policy on use of Library Community Room after hours.

DI.3 – Discussion led by resident Mikki Norris regarding illegal dumping.

Short Discussion Items

SDI.1 – Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee

SDI.2 – VR19-1004 – Update to the ESMAC letter opposing the VR due to fire safety concerns.

ESMAC Subcommittees

ESMAC Land Use – Planning for the 2020 General Plan Update

ESMAC Safety

ESMAC Education Programs/ Outreach

Information Items

10.1 – Planning Commission meeting held March 27, 2019

10.2 – Zoning Administrator meeting held March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019

10.3 – Public Hearing held March 27, 2019

10.4 – American Red Cross, Sound the Alarm: Save a Life

10.5 – Appian Way Seventh-Day Adventist Church – 10 Days of Health – Launch: April 13, 2019

10.6 – 2018-2019 Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Project Funding via Diablo Fire Safe Council (DFSC) grant

Announcements: ESMAC 1 alternate position

Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings:

Adjournment:

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Present: Xina Ash, Tom Owens, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour,

Excused Absence: Ylan Hunt, Robin Tanner, Tom Lang

Absent: Dr. Melinda McLain,

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Xina Ash

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call 7:04p

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 2-13-2019; Motion to accept as presented (Tom Owens, seconded)- Aye: Xina Ash, Tom Owens, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour

Treasurer's Report –NA

Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol: Officers Rosenfeld, Leviste – tickets for speeding on San Pablo Dam Road given mainly to residents of El Sobrante

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire: Captain Luiz

P.4 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, Gail McPartland, Francis Adebola-Wilson: Library Progress, San Pablo Dam Road sidewalk fill in and repavement updates. Certificate honoring Barbara Pendergrass

Public Comment –

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DI.1 – Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Hearings. (No applications were received this month)

DI.2 – Discuss new efforts to form regional wildland fire response and prevention consortium across the Wildcat Canyon Interface in El Sobrante, Richmond, El Cerrito and Kensington.

Presentation by the Duncans on their groups efforts to engage local government entities and citizens for better fire safety and wild fire prevention.

DI.3 – Discuss subcommittee assignments and the future of the existing committees and consider new committees.

ESMAC Land Use may be useful for 2020 General Plan Update

Andrew Chahrour expressed interest in Safety Committee

Short Discussion Items

SDI.1 – Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee: VR19-1003

Subcommittee Reports

11.1 ESMAC Land Use

11.2 ESMAC Safety

11.3 ESMAC Education Programs/ Outreach

Public Comment—

Announcements: ESMAC 1 alternate position, Andrew Chahrour updated progress on buying Old Adachi property and future plans for site.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn (Tom Owens, seconded)- Aye: Xina Ash, Tom Owens, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour 8:29p

Submitted by Secretary Owens

Notes from Neighborhood Strategy Meeting on Illegal Dumping, Feb. 2, 2019
Prepared by Mikki Norris and Chris Conrad, 510-275-9311

El Sobrante residents do not want to push the dumpers to the next community, we want to address the underlying problems.

Report illegal dumping. It's important to quickly report illegal dumping to Contra Costa Public Works, Lynn Clark, 925-313-7000, Lynn.Clark@pw.cccounty.us. Give address if possible, nearest cross-streets, description of items. You can also take photos and email them. If there is a public works camera that is monitoring activity, contact Cece Sellgren in our Watershed Division at Public Works. Her phone number is 925-313-2296.

Costs. A major concern is the problem of the dump fees being too high. People are not going to the dump because of the high costs. The fees need to be lowered. In areas like Napa Co, which has a city-run dump rather than private monopoly (Republic Services), the fees are much lower. Our area charges much higher fees than other Bay Area cities.

Residential pickups. Residents are allowed free large pick up days with Republic Services that many are unaware of or do not use. Publicize this better. If there is a way residents could donate / designate their unused pick ups to pick up street piles or others who need it, that could help. Some kind of trackable platform, list, app, etc. might work to coordinate this.

Mover discounts. Set up a special, low one-time dump rate for people who are moving, which seems to be a common source of street piles. Renters, especially, could use this. Dumps can require some proof of relocation from a landlord or showing to where they are relocating.

Resident accountability. Find a way for the people who hire haulers to verify or track that they empty their loads at a dump. Ask them where they plan to dispose of the haul. Pay them after seeing the receipt. Design a web site or app to pay things online to prove that they paid for the service. Something like Oakland's Green Halo program, but for residents as well as for contractors.

Service allocation. How is the county allocating money to fight illegal dumping – is it true that the budget only allocated \$300,000 for a cleanup contract? If so, that needs to be increased. More free dumpster drop off days, not just once a year. Four times a year would be better where people can drop off things without having to hang on to them all year. Designate categories of products, like appliances, mattresses, construction debris, etc., to facilitate recycling.

Volunteer cleanup. A few people (with trucks and bins) are willing to volunteer to pick up some illegal dumps with their own vehicles if they can have dump fees waived. Others can help with litter pick up. John Oster (a neighborhood volunteer who picks up illegal dumps) already does this and we want to promote his GoFundMe page to be more visible and help defray his costs.

Neighborhood dumpsters. Marcelo Mauri of Mauri All Debris (or M.A.D.) has offered to make some debris boxes (large dumpster containers) available to residents at his business in Richmond and to bring them to the dump if the dump fees would be covered. Have designated containers around town with a minimal charge (like \$5) to open the container and drop off mattresses or sofas, or other large items or bags. That could offset costs. We could designate drop off times and have a volunteer staff it.

Cheaper and easier recycling. Our local recycling station is poorly located, limited and hard to find. Can it be part of the transfer station?

Police presence. We need a resident sheriff or officer in the area to report problems to. There is one in Crockett with a very quick response to problems, which has mitigated problems there. If we had a resident sheriff, that person could stay on top of problems like this.

Signage: Put up more signs like "\$1,000 fine for illegal dumping" and "Call 510-###-#### to report illegal dumping" and make them more visible. That way people can act on violations right when they see them happen. Post signs listing addresses and/or web site for legal dump sites. After the last major dump on La Honda Rd, we put up Warning signs along the fence that the area is under surveillance that we got at Home Depot. There is actually a Public Works camera there but it doesn't seem like anyone is monitoring that. Since we put up the signs, the dumping has slowed down.

Public education. Targeted campaign including billboards, newsletters mentions, media promos, email, town hall events, etc. People need to know about big item pickup days, how to be sure your hauler/disposer is legitimate (contractor license, insurance), where regional garbage dumps are located, how much they charge per item or load, if there are separate places to bring different types of things, like places that specialize in taking old carpets, refrigerators, concrete, electronic, hazardous, mattresses, etc. *** Republic Services now allows residents to drop off three mattresses or box springs at their resource recovery center located at 101 Pittsburgh Ave., Richmond, Wednesday through Saturday.

about littering and illegal dumping to let them know it is wrong and create consciousness. Can we incorporate this into their school curriculum?

Public meetings. Hold a local Town Hall with Sup. John Gioia to raise awareness and discuss the problems and come up with solutions, like toughening penalties for ordinance violations, rewards for prosecutable tips, spending priorities, etc.

Market competition. Republic Services has a contractual monopoly on El Sobrante trash and dump services. Without competition, they set whatever prices they want. Alameda Co. has multiple businesses so their prices are more reasonable. Creating more competition, we may have greater options and lower prices.

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James Lyons

March 25, 2019

Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Members of
the ESMAC
are appointed by
Contra Costa County
District One Supervisor
John Gioia

To Whom it Concern,

The El Sobrante MAC discussed the variance request **VR19-1004** during our meeting on February 13th. After review, MAC members are concerned about the request to allow a 4 inch side yard setback at 747 Alhambra Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803 and we recommend that the variance not be granted. We regard that the 4 inch side yard setback represents an issue for the homeowner's current or future neighbors to the north in that it encroaches on that lot significantly without due cause. More importantly we are concerned that the site address is significantly exposed to fire hazard from the rear (east) of the lot where it abuts Rolling Hills Memorial Park and the allowance of a 4 inch setback eliminates the important function of a firebreak between this structure and the neighboring house.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Xina Ash".

Xina Ash, Madam Chair
El Sobrante MAC

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019
30 MUIR ROAD
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553

CHAIR: Duane Steele
VICE-CHAIR: Rand Swenson
COMMISSIONERS: Richard Clark, Jeffrey Wright, Donna Allen, Kevin Van Buskirk, Bhupen Amin

NOTICE: Commission may change the order of items on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

No new items involving the opportunity for public hearing will be considered by the Commission after 10:00 P.M. unless specifically authorized by a unanimous vote of the Commission present. The Commission will adjourn at 10:30 P.M. unless there is a unanimous consent to continue. Items not heard may be rescheduled to the next meeting.

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**** 7:00 P.M. ****

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: STUDY SESSION
- 2a. ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040 (County File #GP18-0001): This is a study session to accept a report from the Department of Conservation and Development on "Envision Contra Costa 2040," the effort to update the Contra Costa County General Plan, Zoning Code, and Climate Action Plan. WRN Staff Report
3. BOARD OF APPEALS: LAND USE PERMIT: PUBLIC HEARING
- 3a. YASUKO KAYA (Appellant) - CROWN CASTLE ON BEHALF OF AT&T (Applicant) - MING YUENG AND JIA YIN LIU (Owners), County File #LP18-2018: This is an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a land use permit to renew an existing AT&T 40-foot monopine facility and modify the facility to remove and replace antennas, install new ancillary equipment and remove a cabinet located at the rear of the lot. The subject property is located 4068 San Pablo Dam Road in the El Sobrante area. (Zoning: Planned Unit (P-1) District) (APN: 420-192-051) GF Staff Report
4. BOARD OF APPEALS: TREE PERMIT: PUBLIC HEARING
- 4a. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BERKELEY (Appellant/ Applicant/Owner), County File #TP15-0009: This hearing is to consider an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a tree permit to allow the removal of 25 code-protected trees and work within the dripline of 35 additional code-protected trees. CEQA: The County Planning Commission will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. The subject property is located at 1 Lawson Road in the Kensington area of unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: R-6 Single-Family Residential) (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 572-014-015, 505-302-016, -017, -018) JL Staff Report
5. STAFF REPORT:
6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:
7. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019.

Staff reports prepared for hearing items may be obtained by calling the Community Development Division at (925) 674-7205 or by visiting our office at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California. Environmental Impact Reports have been prepared for each of the agenda items indicated by an asterisk (*).

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the Community Development Division to a majority of members of the County Planning Commission less than 96 hours prior to that meeting are available for public inspection at the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California during normal business hours.

Information about this hearing may be obtained online from the Contra Costa County website at <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us> under the Department of Conservation & Development's homepage, Commission and Committees and County Planning Commission. Recordings of this hearing are available for reviewing or copying purposes at the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California during normal business hours. We are open continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Advance arrangements may be made by calling (925) 674-7205.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

30 MUIR ROAD

MARTINEZ, CA 94553

1:30 P.M.

NOTICE: The Zoning Administrator may alter the order of agenda items at the meeting.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PUBLIC HEARING
- 2a. SUE MULIA (Applicant) - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AIRPORTS (Owner), County File #DP18-3038: The applicant requests approval of a Development Plan to allow the installation of a new 2,000-gallon above-ground fuel tank for the existing business Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The subject property is located at 1235 Concord Avenue, in the Concord area. (Zoning: Unrestricted (U); APN: 125-010-020) DV Staff Report
- 2b. STEPHEN WELTY (Applicant & Owner), County File #DP19-3005: The applicant requests approval of a Development Plan for a Small Lot Design Review to allow the demolition of the existing residence and detached garage to construct and new two story single-family residence. The subject property is located at 340 Montecillo Drive, in the Walnut Creek area. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-20); APN: 188-012-004) DV Staff Report

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

30 MUIR ROAD

MARTINEZ, CA 94553

1:30 P.M.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. MINOR SUBDIVISION: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

- 2a. RONALD NUNN (Applicant and Owner), County File # MS18-0011: The applicant requests approval of a Tentative Parcel Map for the proposed Orchard & Vine Four-Lot Minor Subdivision, a minor subdivision application to subdivide a 586.43-acre legal lot in agricultural production into four parcels, including a 40.6-acre Parcel A, a 357.98-acre Parcel B, a 74.15-acre Parcel C, and a 113.7-acre Parcel D. Parcel A, includes the nine-acre site of the Orchard & Vine winery and farm market facility that was approved under Land Use Permit LP16-2047. The applicant is also requesting authorization of exceptions to the requirements of County Code Sections, 96-12.406 (Private Road Turnaround), 98-4.002 (Minimum Width of Pavement and Right of Way), and 914-2.002 (Onsite Collect and Convey). Except for future development of the Orchard & Vine facility, no other development is proposed and the subdivision parcels will remain in agricultural production. CEQA: The Zoning Administrator will consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. The property is located at 550 Walnut Boulevard in the Byron area in unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: A-4, Agricultural Preserve District) (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 003-010-017, 003-010-020, 007-140-006, 007-150-017, 007-150-018) (Continued from 03/04/19) SM Staff Report

3. DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PUBLIC HEARING

- 3a. RONG FAN (Applicant and Owner), County File #DP18-3040: This is an application for a Kensington Design Review Development Plan to allow the interior and exterior remodel of the existing single-family residence, which includes legalizing the enclosure of the open area under a stairway on the south side of the residence, the removal of an enclosed patio within the existing courtyard on the south side of the residence, the removal of an existing laundry room on the north side of the residence, reconfiguring the front entry stairs, and the addition of two skylights. The remodel will decrease the gross floor area from 4,416 square feet to 4,370 square feet, which exceeds the threshold of 3,200 square feet. The subject property is located at 243 Arlington Avenue in the Kensington area. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-6), Tree Obstruction of Views (-TOV), and Kensington (-K) Combining Districts) (APN: 570-050-027) MM Staff Report
- 3b. EARLE BRANDSHAW & SALLY MCGARRAHAN (Applicants & Owners), County File #DP18-3042: This is an application for a Kensington Design Review Development Plan to add a 98-square-foot addition and a 166-square-foot addition to the rear of an existing residence. The addition will increase the gross floor area to 3,303 square feet where the threshold for the lot is 3,200 square feet. The subject property is located at 16 Kerr Avenue in the Kensington area. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-6), Tree Obstruction of Views (-TOV), and Kensington (-K) Combining Districts) (APN: 572-011-008) GF Staff Report

4. COMPLIANCE REVIEW: PUBLIC HEARING

- 4a. JAMES TAYLOR (Owner), County File #CV18-0023: This is an enforcement hearing in response to continued violations of the County Junkyard Ordinance and failure of the property owner to diligently pursue actions that might correct the violations at the subject property located at 700 Seventh Street, Rodeo, CA 94572. (Zoning: Rodeo P-1 Planned Unit District) (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 357-120-002, 357-120-003, and 357-111-010) JL Staff Report

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California, the County Planning Commission Board of Appeals will consider a LAND USE PERMIT application as described as follows:

YASUKO KAYA (Appellant) - CROWN CASTLE ON BEHALF OF AT&T (Applicant) - MING YUENG AND JIA YIN LIU (Owners), County File #LP18-2018: This is an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a land use permit to renew an existing AT&T 40-foot monopine facility and modify the facility to remove and replace antennas, install new ancillary equipment and remove a cabinet located at the rear of the lot. The subject property is located 4068 San Pablo Dam Road in the El Sobrante area. (Zoning: Planned Unit (P-1) District) (APN: 420-192-051)

If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For further details, contact the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California, or Grant Farrington at 925-674- 7797.

John Kopchik, Director

Department of Conservation and Development



Help us Sound the Alarm about fire safety.

Every day, 7 people die and another 36 people suffer injuries because of home fires. You can help change that and prevent these tragedies.

To save lives and reduce fire-related injuries, the American Red Cross launched a nationwide Home Fire Campaign in 2014. The Red Cross is teaming up with fire departments, volunteers, and partners to *Sound the Alarm* with home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events.

Saturday, April 27th – Pacheco

Concord Cascade & Sun Valley Village Mobile Home Parks

Wednesday, May 1st – Antioch

Chateau Mobile Home Park

Saturday, May 4th – Richmond

Parchester Village

The following roles are available:

- ***Smoke Alarm Installer*** – Conduct home visits, test existing smoke alarms, replace batteries, and install smoke alarms using a drill.
- ***Disaster Safety Educator*** – Provide live-saving education and assist residents in completing a home fire escape plan.
- ***Documenter*** – Complete service acknowledgment forms and reports for campaign tracking, and assist educator and installer as needed.

To find out more or sign up for the event, contact:

Jennifer Lucas, District Program Manager

Jennifer.lucas@redcross.org or 925-303-8572

Date: February 19, 2019



To: Whom It May Concern

The Appian Way Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting, a FREE "Healthy Kidz," Fair, Sunday, April 7, 2019, at Hilltop Mall. (2200 Hilltop Mall Rd, Richmond, CA 94806) We hope that you will be able to attend this exciting event!

"Healthy Kidz," is an initiative intended to improve the overall health of the community. We believe that the health of the community will be transformed if we inspire children to be healthy.

In addition to the food, live music, games, and give-a-ways that come with a spectacular fair, we will also educate parents and children about healthy eating habits. Parents and children will receive an awesome opportunity to participate in an interactive cooking demonstration with a local celebrated chef. You will learn to cook healthy, great tasting, and nutritious meals. And as if that is not enough, FREE health screenings will be provided by Touro University (www.tu.edu/mobec.) including but not limited to, diabetes, blood pressure, and cholesterol screenings.

For further information and to register please visit our website at www.appianwaysda.org.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Pastor Trevor Barnes Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Barnes Jr.".

ministerjb@gmail.com

559-301-7782

February 19, 2019



To: Whom It May Concern

The Appian Way Seventh-day Adventist Church "Healthy Kidz," Initiative continues with, 10 DAYS OF HEALTH!

10 DAYS OF HEALTH will teach our community ten health principles that can be used to transform their overall health. The launch date for this event is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the Appian Way Seventh-day Adventist Church. (980 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803) We hope that you will be able to attend!

In addition to the food, live music, and give-a-ways we will have a rousing lecture from Dr. Milton Mills. He was featured on the Netflix documentary "What The Health?" We encourage you to attend so you can learn how many diseases can be avoided or reversed through better health practices.

For further information and to register please visit our website at www.appianwaysda.org. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Pastor Trevor Barnes Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Barnes Jr." in a cursive style.

appianwaysda@gmail.com

559-301-7782



www.diablofiresafe.org

2018-19 Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Project Funding

Program Description

Cost-share assistance of up to \$5,000 per project is available to groups or groups of individuals to hire a contractor to reduce fuel loads and create defensible space on your property!

The Diablo Fire Safe Council (DFSC) is sponsoring defensible space fuel reduction projects for 2018 – 2019. Emphasis will be on areas prioritized in the Alameda County and Contra Costa County Community Wildfire Protection Plans or where homeowners associations, civic organizations and other groups of individuals are organized and available to promote fire safe efforts. Projects can include:

- Chipping or green waste removal of homeowner cut material,
- Mowing or “weed whacking” (as a part of a larger project)
- Tree thinning (cutting of small trees) or “limbing-up” or removal of small dead trees
- Brush cutting
- Grazing

Immediate funding will be available for chipping or removal of homeowner cut materials. Projects that have possible environmental concerns or the potential to disturb protected species will be reviewed for impacts prior to funding. Best management practices will need to be incorporated into all ground disturbing fuel reduction work.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL SCHEDULE

Applications will be reviewed for funding on a rolling basis once every quarter.

May 15, 2018	2QTR 2018 application due
July 16, 2017	3QTR 2018 application due
Sept 17, 2018	4QTR 2018 application due
IF NEEDED (if not all funds dispersed)	
November 9, 2018	Final applications due

See Diablo Fire Safe Council web site www.diablofiresafe.org for more information on selection criteria and an application. Or contact Cheryl Miller Executive Coordinator DFSC
email: DFSCMiller@comcast.net Phone: (510) 282-1265



www.diablofiresafe.org

2018 – 2019 Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Project Funding

Selection Criteria For Project Funding

OVERALL GOALS

Project reduces hazardous fuels that, if left untreated, would generate high intensity burning adjacent to structures or communities at risk, or produce large quantities of airborne burning embers that could carry into communities or other important resources.

Project reduces hazards along strategic emergency access and evacuation routes, or other critical infrastructure.

Project includes vegetation modification treatments that will reduce the threat of unacceptable impacts of high intensity fire to high value ecosystems, sensitive watersheds and high concentration recreation areas, including regional parklands and state or federal lands.

ELIGIBILITY

Funds are targeted for fuel reduction projects that result in a group of homes that meet the defensible space requirements set forth by local fire codes or Public Resource Code 4291. To be eligible for funding a project must be:

1. Located within Alameda County or Contra Costa County within a local fire hazard area, CALFIRE identified Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, or Federal listed Community at Risk.
2. Focus fuels reduction in the 100' defensible space radius that surrounds homes, or clear vegetation from along access/ evacuation routes or other critical facility.
3. Have the support of local fire department (e.g. site visit, inspection notice, letter of support, email).

SELECTION CRITERIA.

Projects will be ranked by DFSC's selection committee according to the following criteria:

1. Application is clear as to what the project entails and supports DFSC's Overall Goals
2. Well defined project tasks and timeframe
3. Realistic budget that maximizes fuel reduction for minimal investment
4. Measurable goals that provide more than a single growing season hazardous fuel reduction
5. Sustainable effectiveness that includes a plan for maintenance into the future
6. Strong commitment from multiple neighbors to participate
7. Designated organizer and support person who will keep records of participation, provide a final report within 2 weeks of project completion and before/ after photos.
8. Project will lead to further neighborhood fire safe activities

Extra Points for: 1. Matching funds. 2. Projects that have considered means for re-use of woody biomass. 3. Project assists underserved senior or disabled community members. 4. Project continues or extends work that was previously done by neighborhood. 5. Attendance of organizers at a DFSC workshop or event.

For further information contact
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Or your local Fire Department Representative.



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2018 – 2019 Defensible Space Fuel Reduction Project Funding

Request to Participate

The Diablo Fires Safe Council (DFSC) is sponsoring defensible space fuel reduction projects for 2018 – 2019. Cost-share assistance of up to \$5,000 per project is available to groups or groups of individuals to hire contractors to reduce fuel loads and create defensible space.

DFSC may assist Alameda County or Contra Costa County property owners with vegetation management projects that will lead to compliance with their local fire department's defensible space requirements in areas designated as Priority Hazard Zones.

Contractors will be hired directly by property owners with DFSC funds augmenting private property owner contributions. Diablo Fire Safe Council will maintain a list of Contractors to aid the property owners with selection and scoping of project work.

Contractors and homeowners will not contract directly with the Diablo Fire Safe Council. DFSC will pay directly to the contractors a portion of project costs up to \$5,000 per project.

*To have your project considered for funding
please complete the following information:*

1. Designated Project Coordinator: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

2. Neighborhood/ Street Names: _____

Project Address: _____ APN: _____

3. Number of households or volunteers involved (minimum 5): _____

Names and address of household or volunteers involved (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

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4. Describe your project and what you plan to do to achieve Defensible Space within 100 feet of your homes, anticipated tasks and timeframe (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping of homeowner cut material | <input type="checkbox"/> Green waste removal of homeowner cut material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weed whacking/ mowing (as part of a larger project)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Needle/ leaf removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree thinning (cutting of small trees)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush cutting* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree "limbing up"* | <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing* |

**Note: Your project may be located where there are federally protected species or other environmental concerns. Ground disturbing projects as indicated by * will require environmental review by DFSC and the funding agency. Best management practices will need to be incorporated into all ground disturbing fuel reduction work.*

5. Briefly describe the services or funding your neighborhood can provide. Services may include: time spent organizing your neighbors for a work-day, follow-up weed control, tools or supplies needed for the project. If you are providing matching funds, indicate amount.

6. Briefly describe how your project will help protect your neighborhood from wildfire.

I certify this information to be true and correct and that the information provided is subject to verification. If my group is selected, we agree to work with Diablo Fire Safe Council to further define the scope of the project. We understand that we will be responsible for hiring a contractor for the work.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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